

**ORGANIC FARMING** 

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## **Organic Handler/Processor Plan Certification Questionnaire**

Please fill out this questionnaire if you are requesting organic handling certification. This form or an update short form may be used for continuation of certification, depending on the policies of the certifying agent. Attach an Organic Product Profile sheet for each product requested for certification, and a current schematic product flow chart and facility map for each facility that will handle organic products. Use additional sheets if necessary.

(\$25.00 Nonrefundable Application Fee)

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SECTION 1: Gene				NOP Rule 205.201 & 401		
Name (Authorized	d Representative)	Company Name				
Address			City			
11441.000			,			
State			Zip code	Date		
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Phone		ax				
		<u>Email</u>		=		
Legal status:	Sole proprietorship		ip (federal form 1065)	Corporation		
V	Cooperative	☐ Trust or non		(specify)		
Year first certified	List previous orga certification by oth		organic certification by	Year when Organic Farm Plan Questionnaire was		
Certified	agencies	lei Other agenc	,105	last submitted		
	agenoies			last submitted		
What general cate	egories of organic n	roducts are manufactur	ed or planned to be manuf	actured? Provide a complete		
			uct Composition and Labeli			
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Preferred time for	r inspection visit:	☐ Morning ☐ After	rnoon			
	to the processing f		_ 3			
Oive directions	to the processing i	acinty.				
(The Authorized F	Representative of the	e operation must be pre	esent for the inspection.)			
	ng/handling operatio	n, e.g. Is your operat	tion a: Estima	ted annual total production		
grain cleaning, ca	anning, freezing	☐ Primary, o	r 9	organic %		
		☐ Contract v				
Have you ever be	en denied If	yes, describe the circuit				
_	Yes No	joo, accorno ano ano an				
	_					
Do you understan	nd the current Nation	nal Organic Program (N	OP) Do you have a c	copy of current NOP		
standards?	id the current ivation	Tes	□ No standards?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
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IF YOU USE CONTRACT VENDORS, GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:							
NAME OF CONTRACT VENDOR	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	CERTIFIED BY				

List or attach a list stating the general categories of nonorganic products produced by your company.

## **SECTION 2: Labeling and Product Composition**

NOP Rule 205.105, 205.270, 205.300-205.305 and 205.307-205.311

The NOP Rule has 4 categories of products which can use the word "organic". These are "100% organic", "organic", "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))", and products with less than 70% organic ingredients. The % of organic ingredients is calculated by dividing the total net weight or volume (excluding salt and water) of combined organic ingredients by the total weight or volume of all ingredients (excluding salt and water). All ingredients identified as "organic" in the ingredient list must be certified by a USDA accredited or approved certifying agent. Ingredients sourced from non-certified exempt or excluded operations must not be identified or used as organic ingredients.

Products labeled "100% organic" must contain 100% organic ingredients, including processing aids. Products labeled "organic" must contain at least 95% organic ingredients; nonorganic ingredients must not be commercially available in an organic form; and all synthetic ingredients and processing aids must be on the National List. Products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must contain at least 70% organic ingredients. For "100% organic," "organic," and "made with ..." products, both organic and nonorganic ingredients must not be produced using excluded methods, sewage sludge, or ionizing radiation. Products labeled "organic" or "made with..." must not include organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient, except that a nonorganic ingredient in a product labeled "made with..." may contain organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient, but the ingredient must not be labeled as "organic" on the ingredient statement or be counted in the calculation of the product's organic percentage. Products with less than 70% organic ingredients can only identify the organic ingredients in the information panel. Refer to the National List, Section 205.605 and 205.606, to determine which nonagricultural substances and nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients are allowed in or on products labeled "organic" or "made with...".

Raw or processed livestock feed products sold, labeled, or represented as "100 percent organic" must contain (by weight or fluid volume, excluding water and salt) not less than 100 percent organically produced raw or processed agricultural product and - a raw or processed livestock feed product sold, labeled, or represented as "organic" must be produced in conformance with § 205.237.

The NOP Rule has specific requirements for principal display panel information relating to the use of the term "organic", depending on the % of organic ingredients in the finished product. For all products, the organic ingredients must be identified in the ingredient information panel. Up to three ingredients or food groups can be listed on the principal display panel for products labeled as "made with organic (ingredients or food group(s)). The term "organic" cannot be used to describe a nonorganic ingredient in a product name. Water and salt cannot be identified as "organic". The name of the certifying agent must be identified on the information panel below the name of the handler or distributor, preceded by the statement, "Certified organic by..." or similar phrase. The address and telephone number of the certifying agent may be displayed. If the percentage of organic ingredients is displayed, it must be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

The USDA seal can be used on "100% organic" or "organic" products (including livestock feed), but not on products labeled "made with...". A certifying agent's seal, logo or other identifying mark can be used on "100% organic," "organic" or "made with...". Products with less than 70% organic ingredients cannot use either the USDA seal or the certifying agent's name, seal or logo. The certifying agent's seal cannot be displayed more prominently than the USDA seal.

Attach an Organic Product Profile sheet and examples of all labels used for each product requested for certification.

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A. PRODUCTS LABELED AS "	100% ORGANIC"	(Including	g Livestock	(Feed)			
(All ingredients are certified 100%	<b>% organic</b> , includi	ng processii	ng aids.)				
List all products labeled or pla	nned to be labele	ed as "100 '	% Organic'	" and check a	ppropriate boxes.	☐ Non	е
NAME OF PRODUCT	ORGANIC INC IDENTIF INFORMATION	IED IN		G AGENT NAME ON LABEL (✓)	USE USDA SEAL ON LABEL ( V )	USE CERTIFYING AGENT SEAL/LOG ON LABEL ( v )	
B. PRODUCTS LABELED AS "	ORGANIC" (INCL	UDING LIV	ESTOCK F	EED CONFOR	RMING TO §205.23	37)	
(at least 95% certified organic	ingredients)						
List all products labeled or pla	anned to be label	ed as "Org	anic" and	check approp	riate boxes.	☐ Nor	ιе
NAME OF PRODUCT	ORGANIC INC IDENTIF INFORMATION	IED IN		G AGENT NAME ON LABEL (✓)	USE USDA SEAL ON LABEL ( > )	USE CERTIFYING AGENT SEAL/LOG ON LABEL ( > )	0
Labeling and Product Compos			BELED AS	"ORGANIC"			
Are any nonorganic agricultural ingredients used?							
If yes, list all organic products	which contain nor	norganic agi	ricultural in	gredients.			
If yes, describe your attempts	to source organic	ingredients.					
Do products labeled "organic"		ow the per	centage of	organic ingre	dients on the labe	el? 🗌 Yes 🔲 1	No
If yes, list all products so labele							
Does the size of the percentag			the size of t	he largest type	size on		
the panel on which the state	• •		ana tuna a	viza atula and	a a la r with a ut	∐ Yes ∐ N	0
Does the percentage statemer highlighting?	п арреат пт пъ етп	nety in the s	same type s	size, style, allu	Color Williout	☐ Yes ☐ N	Jo.
			•				
Is the percentage rounded dov	vn to the nearest v	vhole numb	er?			∐ Yes ∐ N	10
Does the information label con	ntain "Certified o	rganic by"	and list the	e certify agent	?	☐ Yes ☐ I	۷٥
C. PRODUCTS LABELED AS " (At least 70% certified organ						S(S))"	
List all products labeled "Made	e with organic" a	nd check a	ppropriate	boxes.		☐ Non	e
NAME OF PRODUCT	OF PRODUCT  HOW MANY INGREDIENTS OR FOOD GROUPS ARE LISTED ON THE LABEL?  HOW MANY LIST EACH INGREDIENT OR FOOD GROUP SHOWN ON THE IDENTIFIED IN IDENTIFIED IN IDENTIFIED IN IDENTIFIED ON LABEL ( > ) PANEL				CERTIFYING AGENT SEAL/LO ON LABEL (V		
Is each organic ingredient id  Does the "made with organic i		_				☐ Yes ☐ No	
the size of the largest type size	_	ionic and my	,. 5415/115 115	toa on the pain	c. shoosa one nan	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Does the percentage statemer	•	irety in the	same type s	size, style, and	color without		
highlighting?  Is the percentage rounded dov				, , ,		☐ Yes ☐ No	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Choose from the following food group listings: beans, fish, fruits, grains, herbs, meats, nuts, oils, poultry, seeds, spices, sweeteners, vegetables, or processed milk products.

D. PRODUCTS WITH LESS THAN 70% ORGANIC INGREDIENTS (Prohibited from displaying the U or certify agent seal, logo, or mark.)	SDA Org	anic S	Seal
Organic ingredients may only be listed on the information panel.  If listed, are the percentage of organic ingredient contents displayed.	П №	□ No	ono
in instea, are the percentage of organic ingredient contents displayed.	☐ I/O	☐ INC	IIIE
E. BY-PRODUCTS			
Will any by-products from certified organic products be sold as certified organic? $\square$ Yes $\square$ N	io 🗌 No	ot app	licable
If yes, list all organic products manufactured from by-products.			
Include information on organic by-products as applicable on this Organic Handling Plan.  Attach an Organic Product Profile sheet for each product.			
F. WATER			
	ПМа	no 110	امما
Check ways water is used in processing:		ne us	
☐ ingredient ☐ processing aid ☐ cooking ☐ cooling ☐ product transport ☐ cleaning	organic pi	roduc	ıs
cleaning equipment  other (specify)			
Source of water: ☐ municipal ☐ on-site well ☐ other, specify	_		_
Does the water meet the Safe Drinking Water Act?	ЦΥ	es [	No
Attach copy of water test, if applicable.			
What on-site water treatment processes are used?	1	None	
Is steam used in the processing or packaging of organic products?	Пγ	⁄es [	П№
If yes, describe how steam is used.			
n yes, describe new steam is used.			
If steam has direct contact with organic products, do you use:	□ No d	irect c	contact
steam filters condensate traps testing of condensate testing of finished products		7001 0	omuci
other (specify)		م ، الله الم	
List products used as boiler additives.	o boiler ad	iailive	s usea
Attach MSDS and/or label information for boiler additives, if applicable.			
Describe how you monitor water quality.			
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How often do you conduct water quality monitoring? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as	s needed		
other (specify)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
SECTION 3: Assurance of Organic Integrity  NOP Rule 205.201(a), 2	205 270 a	nd 20	15 272
NOP Rule requires that handling practices and procedures present no contamination risk to or commingling with nonorganic products or contact with prohibited substances. Packaging material containers must not have contained synthetic fungicides, preservatives, or fumigants. Reusable bags clean and pose no risk to the integrity of organic products. Procedures used to maintain organ documented.	rganic pro ls, bins, a or contain	oducts and s ers m	s from storage nust be
A. PRODUCT FLOW			
Attach a complete written description or schematic product flow chart which shows the movement of all c	organic pro	oduct:	s, from
incoming/receiving through production to outgoing/shipping. Indicate where ingredients are added and/or used. All equipment and storage areas must be identified.			
B. ORGANIC INTEGRITY			
Do you have an organic integrity program in place to address areas of potential commingling			
and/or contamination?	□ Y	⁄es	☐ No
If yes, list specific control points you have identified in your process and state how you have addressed	_		
them to protect organic integrity, or attach a copy of your organic integrity program.			
15 protest organio integrity, or attach a copy of your organic integrity program.			
If no, do you have plans to implement an organic integrity program?		Yes -	☐ No

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C. EQUIPMENT										
List all equipment use	ed in pr	ocessing.		ſ		ı	T			
EQUIPMENT NAME		CAPACIT	Y	CHECK IF EQI CLEANED PRIOR PRODUCTI	TO ORGANIC	CHECK IF CLEANING IS DOCUMENTED ( > )	PURGE	CHECK IF THE EQUIPMENT IS PURGED PRIOR TO ORGANIC PRODUCTION ( > )		
If equipment is purged	l, list ar	d describe p	urge	procedures, qu	uantities pur	ged, and docume	ntation.			
D. SANITATION										
Attach MSDS and/or la	bel infor	mation for cle	aning	and sanitizing p	products, if a	pplicable.				
Check all cleaning me			J	0 1	, ,	,				
sweeping s	craping	vacuur	ning	compress	ed air 🔲 r	manual washing	🗌 clean ir	n place (CIP)	)	
steam cleaning	☐ san	nitizing 🗌 d	other (	specify)						
Provide information o	n your	cleaning pro	gram	and products	used.					
AREA	TYPE	OF CLEANING	EQ	CLEANING UIPMENT USED	Prot	DUCTS USED	FREQ.	CHECK IF CLEANING		
Receiving area										
Ingredient storage										
Product transfer										
Production area										
Production equipment										
Packaging area										
Finished product storage										
Loading dock										
Building exterior										
Accidental spills										
Other (specify)										
Are all surfaces which Do you test food cont Where are cleaning/sa	act sur	faces or rins	ate fo	r cleaner/sanit		es?		☐ Yes	☐ No	
☐ plastic ☐ wax	E. PACKAGING  Check types of packaging material used:  paper cardboard wood glass metal foil plastic waxed paper aseptic natural fiber synthetic fiber other (specify)  Where are packaging materials stored?									
Are any fungicides, fu	_	-		products used	l in this stor	age area?		☐ Yes	□No	
Have any packaging n				=	gicides, pre	servatives, or fur	nigants?	☐ Yes	□No	
Are packaging materi			nateria	als are cleaned	prior to use.			☐ Yes	□ No	

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F. STORAGE							
Provide information on	your storage are	as by completir	ng the following	table.			
USE	LOCATION	TYPE/CAPACITY	IDENTIFICATION NAME OR NUMBER	IS STORAGE UNIT DEDICATED ORGANIC?()	CONTAMINATIO	ON POTENTIAL ON OR COMMIN	
Ingredient storage							
Packaging material storage							
In-process storage							
Finished product storage							
Off-site storage*							
Other (specify)							
*If there is off-site storage	ge, give name, ad	ddress, phone n	umber, contact	person and type	of products s	tored at of	f-site
facility.							
G. TRANSPORTATION	OF ORGANIC PR	RODUCTS					
Incoming: In what form	s are incoming բ	products receive	ed?				
☐ dry bulk ☐ liquide ☐ foil bags ☐ othe		pags   tote be	oxes	drums 🗌 card	lboard drums	☐ paper	bags
How are incoming production		and Do you arr	ange incoming i	oroduct transpo	rt?	∏Yes [	ΠNο
If you use transport con		=		-		= :	□ No
Are transport units used	•	-	_			_	_ □ No
If yes, how do you insu	-	•	-		roducts?	_	_
Is the inspection/cleani	ng process docun	nented?				☐ Yes	☐ No
Are organic products sh	nipped at the san	ne time as nono	rganic in the sa	me transport un	its?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, check all steps t							
use of separate pal	·		-	•	nk wrapped		
separate area in tra	ansport unit	organic product	sealed in imperm	eable containers			
other (specify)							
In-Process:		d d b d	414		4:4		4 .
How are in-process procloading organic product	•	a ana now ao yo	ou insure that in	-process transp	ort units are c	ileaned pri	or to
loading organio product							
Is the inspection/cleani	na process docun	nented?				☐ Yes	□No
Outgoing Finished Prod							
In what form are finishe		oed?					
☐ dry bulk ☐ liqui			bags	ags 🗌 metal o	Irums  □card	lboard drun	ns
mesh bags c	ardboard cases	☐ plastic crate	s 🗌 other (spe	ecify)			
Do you arrange outgoin	g product transp	ort?				☐ Yes	☐ No
If you use transport comp	anies, have they I	been notified of o	rganic handling r	equirements?		☐ Yes	☐ No
Are transport units used	-	•	-			☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, how do you insure	that outgoing tran	sport units are c	leaned prior to lo	ading organic pro	oducts?		
Is the inspection/cleani	ng process docun	nented?				☐ Yes	□ No
Are organic products sh	nipped at the san	ne time as nono	rganic in the sa	me transport un	its?	☐ Yes [	□No
If yes, check steps take	en to segregate or	ganic products:					
use of separate pal	llets   pallet ta	ags identifying "o	rganic" 🔲 org	anic product shrii	nk wrapped		
separate area in tra							
Are non-retail container	s used for shipp	ing/storage labe	eled with 1) "100	% Organic, Orç	ganic, or Made	with Orga	anic"
2) Production Lot No a	nd 3) If for Expo	rt clearly marke	d "For Export O	nlv"		ີ Yes 「	No

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NOP Rule requires management practices to prevent pests, such as removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas, and prevention of access to handling facilities. Environmental factors, such as temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation, may be used to prevent pests. Pests may be controlled using mechanical or physical means, such as traps, light, or sound. Lures and repellents may be used if they do not contain prohibited substances or products produced using excluded methods (genetically engineered). If these measures are not effective, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be used provided the certifying agent approves use of the substance, method of application, and measures taken to prevent contact with ingredients or organic products. Use of pest control products must be documented and included as part of the Organic Handling Plan.

measures taken to pr	event contact with ingredier fithe Organic Handling Plan.	nts or organic products. U						
Attach a facility map s used for pest control, i	howing the location of traps f applicable.	and monitors, and submit	: MSDS and/or label inforn	nation for substances				
What type of pest ma	nagement system do you	use?						
in-house: name	of responsible person							
contract pest co	ntrol service: name, address	s, phone number						
Check all pest proble	ems you generally have:							
☐ flying insects ☐ crawling insects ☐ rats ☐ mice ☐ spiders ☐ birds ☐ other (specify)								
Check all pest manage	gement practices you use:							
good sanitation   removal of exterior habitat/food sources   clean up spilled product   exclusion   sealed doors and/or windows   repair of holes, cracks, etc.   screened windows, vents, etc.   physical barriers   sheet metal on sides of building exterior   mowing   air curtains   air showers   positive air pressure in facility   monitoring   incoming ingredient inspection for pests   inspection zones around interior perimeter   ultrasound/light devices   release of beneficials   sticky traps   electrocutors   pheromone traps   mechanical traps   scare eye balloons   freezing treatments   heat treatments   vacuum treatments   carbon dioxide   nitrogen   vitamin baits   pyrethrum   ryania   rotenone   boric acid   disodium octal tetrahydrate   diatomaceous earth   precipitated silica   fumigation   fogging   crack and crevice spray   other (specify)    Are records kept of your pest monitoring activities?   Yes   No  Check all aspects of your waste management system that apply:   on-site dumpster   material recycling   daily pick-up of waste   composting   field application of waste   other (specify)  Does your waste management system provide habitat and/or food sources for pests?   Yes   No								
If yes, please descri	ation for the last 12 month	ie.						
SUBSTANCE	TARGET PEST	LOCATION WHERE USED	METHOD OF APPLICATION	DATE OF LAST				
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Are records kept of all pesticide applications?  If a pest control substance is used, list all measures taken to prevent contact with organic products, ingredients or packaging materials.								
If yes, did you contact	used which are prohibited the certifying agent for prior ol products were used, what	approval before using?		☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Yes ☐ No went their use in the				
_	nces intended for use whi	ich are not listed above?	•	☐ Yes ☐ No				
If yes, list substance	es intended for use:							

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SECTION 5: Record Keeping NOP Rule 205.103	3
NOP Rule requires that records disclose all activities and transactions of the operation, be maintained for 5 years, and demonstrate compliance with the NOP Rule. Organic products must be tracked from receipt of incoming ingredients to sale of finished products. Organic ingredients must be verified as certified organic. Amounts of organic finished products must balance with certified organic ingredients purchased. All relevant documents must identify products as "organic". All record must be accessible to the inspector.	of st
Which of the following records do you keep for organic processing/handling?	
purchase orders   contracts   invoices   receipts   bills of lading   Customs forms   scale tickets   quality test results   Certificates of Analysis   Transaction Certificates   copies of Certificates of Organic Operation   verification of non-GMO ingredients   verification of ingredients produced not using sewage sludge   verification of ingredients produced/handled without ionizing radiation   documentation that organic ingredients are not commercial available, when using nonorganic ingredients in products labeled as "100% organic" and/or "organic"	
☐ receiving records ☐ receiving summary log (12 mos.) ☐ other (specify)	
In-Process:          ingredient inspection forms   blending reports   production reports   equipment clean-out logs   sanitation logs   packaging reports   QA reports   production summary records (12 mos.)   other (specify)         Storage:       ingredient inventory reports   finished product inventory reports   other (specify)	
Outgoing:    shipping log   transport unit inspection/cleaning forms   bills of lading   scale tickets   purchase order   sales orders   sales invoices   phytosanitary certificates   export declaration forms   Transaction Certificates   copies of Certificates of Organic Operation   shipping summary log   sales summary log   audit control register   complaint log   other (specify)  Describe your lot numbering system.	~s
Can your record keeping system track the finished product back to all ingredients?  Can your record keeping system balance organic ingredients in and organic products out?  How long do you keep your records?	

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I affirm that all statements made in this Organic Handling Plan are true and correct. I agree to comply with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and National Organic Program Rules and Regulations. I understand that the facility may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or organic products may be sampled and tested for residues at any time. I agree to provide further information as required by the certifying agent.

Signature of Owner/Manager				Date				
☐ product		owing additional documents: t	☐ facility map	☐ Organic Product				
	nagemen product la	t map of traps and monitors	<ul><li>☐ water test, if applicable</li><li>☐ labels for minor ingredients</li></ul>	☐ MSDS, if applicable				
☐ labels fo	r other s	other (specify)						
☐ I have ma	ade copie	es of this Organic Handling Pla	an and other supporting documents fo	or my own records.				
SUBMIT:	1)	Completed Question	nnaire					
	2)	Supporting Docum	ocuments					
	3)	\$25.00 Nonrefunda	efundable Application Fee					
TO:	Loui	isiana Department of	Agriculture and Forestry (	LDAF)				
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	Bato	on Rouge, LA 70821-9	9081					

If you have not made copies yet, be sure to do so before submitting Organic Handling Plans and supporting documents to this office.

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**Organic Product Profile** 

Applicant/company name			Date Name of			ame of Product Requested for Certification				
					Percentage	of Organic	Ingredients	2	%	
Check which labeling cate	egory this p	roduct meets. Attach sam	ples of labe	els for all products	for which this	Organic Pr	oduct Profile	is used.		
☐ "100% organic"  ☐	l "organic" (≥	95% organic ingredients)	☐ "made	with organic (ingr	edients or foo	d group(s))	(≥70% organ	ic ingredients)		
Product Composition: Co include information about the			contained	in this product. A	lthough water	and salt are	e not conside	ered when deter	mining the pe	ercentage,
	CHECK IF INGREDIENT IS CERTIFIED ORGANIC ( > )	SUPPLIER	CERTIFYING AGENT	IF NON- AGRICULTURAL, CHECK IF INGRED. IS ON THE NATIONAL LIST ( \( \sigma \))	PRODUCED USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ( v ):  EXCLUDED SEWAGE IONIZING CO			CHECK IF Y DOCUMENTATION NONORGANIC AS INGREDIENT COMMERCIALLY IN ORGANIC	ON THAT THE GRICULTURAL WAS NOT Y AVAILABLE <sup>5</sup>	% OF FINISHED PRODUCT
-	Does this product include organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient? <sup>6</sup> If yes, list the specific organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient.									
Processing Aids: Provide	complete inf	ormation about all processi	ng aids use	d in the manufact	ure of this pro	duct.				
PROCESSING AID  CHECK IF PROCESSING AID IS CERTIFIED 100% ORGANIC <sup>7</sup> ( v )			IF NONORGANIC, CHECK IF PROCESSING AID IS ON THE NATIONAL LIST? ( > )				CERTIFYIN		IG AGENT	

<sup>7</sup> Required for products labeled as "100% organic".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculate the percentage of organic ingredients by dividing the total net weight or volume of combined organic ingredients (excluding water and salt) by the total weight or volume of all ingredients (excluding water and salt).

All products labeled "100% organic" or "organic" and all ingredients identified as "organic" in an ingredient statement must not be produced using: excluded methods; sewage sludge; ionizing radiation; a processing aid not on the National List; or sulfites, nitrates or nitrites added during the production or handling process (except that wine containing added sulfites may be labeled "made with organic grapes").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Excluded methods include cell fusion, microencapsulation and macroencapsulation, and recombinant DNA technology, (gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes when achieved by recombinant DNA technology).

For products labeled as "100% organic" and "organic", handlers are required to source organic ingredients when commercially available. Commercial availability is determined by three factors: appropriate form, quality, or quantity. This is not required for products labeled as "made with.....".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Products labeled "organic" or "made with..." must not include organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient, except that a nonorganic ingredient in a product labeled "made with..." must not include organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient. This ingredient must not be labeled "organic" on the ingredient statement or be counted in the calculation of the product's organic %.